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### State Awards \$2.7 million in Training Acceleration Grants

INDIANAPOLIS (October 31, 2006) – The Indiana Department of Workforce Development and the Indiana Economic Development Corporation have awarded \$2,788,010 in Training Acceleration Grants (TAG) to 31 Indiana companies and consortia.

The Training Acceleration Grant program is Indiana's primary training effort aimed at incumbent workers. The grants were awarded in August and September.

"This grant program is designed to help Indiana employers compete in the marketplace by having a workforce with 21<sup>st</sup> Century workplace skills," said Andrew J. Penca, commissioner of the Department of Workforce Development. "It's clear that these investments in our incumbent workers are becoming more and more important to the state's future economic success.

"Training Acceleration Grants give employers the funding to increase the skills of Indiana's workforce, which is an important asset that Indiana can use to leverage the state as a competitive place to do business. Indiana's skilled workforce is vital to attracting new investment to our state," said Michael S. Maurer, Secretary of Commerce and president of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation.

The program has four core objectives: promoting small businesses; fostering job retention and expansion; increasing personal income for Hoosier workers; and providing training to address skill gaps in the Hoosier Workforce. The following were awarded grants:

| Employer                         | City       | County     | Trainees | Award     | Outcomes  |
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| <b>SEPT 2006 GRANTS</b>          |            |            |          |           |   |
| Alcoa, Inc                       | Lafayette  | Tippecanoe | 10       | \$36,840  | Journeyworker Millright and Elec.   |
| Allied Specialty Precision, Inc. | Mishawaka  | St. Joseph | 5        | \$25,158  | Apprenticeship Tool Maker & Associate                                       |
| Avery Dennison                   | Greenfield | Hancock    | 9        | \$15,091  | Apprenticeships   |
| Gunite Corporation               | Elkhart    | Elkhart    | 285      | \$193,442 | Indus. Maint, Apprenticeship Journeyman Level 1 & 2; Advanced Manufacturing |

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| INTMA Companies  | Indianapolis   | Marion     | 73  | \$200,000 | Machining and Machine Tool                                  |
| MFD Marion   | Marion         | Grant      | 68  | \$69,869  | Apprenticeship and Journeyman upgrades                      |
| Oak View Tooling Inc   | Columbia City  | Whitley    | 6   | \$3,527   | Cert. CNC Specialty Core Tool and Die Indust. Maint.        |
| Paragon Medical, Inc   | Pierceton      | Kosciusko  | 21  | \$142,404 | Apprenticeships, Mech. Eng & Assoc,                         |
| Pellegrino & Associates, LLC                                 | Fort Wayne     | Allen      | 2   | \$7,000   | Accredited Senior Appraiser                                 |
| Symetry Medical Othy   | Warsaw         | Kosciusko  | 6   | \$22,382  | Machinist Apprenticeship                                    |
| AM General (Amendment)                                       | Mishawaka      | St. Joseph | 24  | \$44,985  | Journeyman upgrades   |
| Haynes International (Amendment)                             | Kokomo         | Howard     | 2   | \$3,722   | Journeyman upgrades; apprenticeships; IVO Train the Trainer |
| <b>AUGUST 2006 GRANTS</b>                                    |                |            |     |           |   |
| Applied Metals & Machine Works                               | Fort Wayne     | Allen      | 3   | \$14,138  | DOL/BAT Apprenticeship Machine Repair                       |
| Berry Plastics   | Richmond       | Wayne      | 31  | \$135,689 | CDC's in Controls, Intro Indust. Maint., Indus. Maint.      |
| Carson Manufacturing Co. Inc                                 | Indianapolis   | Marion     | 26  | \$90,300  | Advanced Manufac. Team Member, Practitioner                 |
| General Products Corporation                                 | Angola         | Steuben    | 9   | \$63,000  | Certs: Mitsubishi, Nachi, Fanuc; DOL Apprent.; Assoc. Deg   |
| *Indiana Health Care Assoc. (36 employers)                   | Indianapolis   | Marion     | 106 | \$131,014 | CNA, LPN, ASN, QMA  |
| MAPP/Indiana Plastics Manufacturer's Alliance (18 employers) | Indianapolis   | Marion     | 161 | \$621,224 | BAT Plastics Journeyman; Global Stds; Plastics Cert I & II  |
| Indiana Precision Forge, LLC                                 | Shelbyville    | Shelby     | 3   | \$5,082   | Journey Level Upgrades                                      |
| Information System Experts, LLC                              | Carmel         | Hamilton   | 19  | \$70,940  | Various IT certs.   |
| Jasper Engine Exchange, Inc.                                 | Jasper         | Dubois     | 145 | \$197,113 | ASE Certs. AWSC, CDC's                                      |
| Metal Technologies, Inc.                                     | Bloomfield     | Greene     | 30  | \$124,830 | Cust. Cert of Applied Learning Lean I & II                  |
| Nauace   | Martinsville   | Morgan     | 2   | \$3,000   | Avaya Certified for Installation                            |
| Pace Dairy   | Crawfordsville | Montgomery | 135 | \$185,500 | Purdue Tap – Team Practitioner, Champion                    |
| Packaging Logic, Inc.  | LaPorte        | LaPorte    | 12  | \$22,000  | Continuous Process Improvement Cert.                        |
| Pearson Education  | Indianapolis   | Marion     | 30  | \$59,053  | Career Cert. in Business Admin.                             |
| Porter Engineering   | Westfield      | Hamilton   | 240 | \$170,970 | Lean Mfg Certs & various business courses                   |

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| Subaru of Indiana Automotive               | Lafayette    | Tippecanoe | 5  | \$8,008  | HVAC                            |
| Tube Processing                            | Indianapolis | Marion     | 15 | \$14,675 | AMA Cert in Supervision         |
| *Wayne County Machine & Tool (3 employers) | Richmond     | Wayne      | 8  | \$21,800 | Apprenticeship in Manufacturing |
| Zimmer, Inc.                               | Warsaw       | Kosciusko  | 30 | \$85,254 | Tool Making CDC's               |

The Indiana Department of Workforce Development is charged with continually improving the Hoosier workforce by assisting companies to create new jobs and improve worker skills. The agency offers a variety of training and educational grants, partners with Indiana's 26 WorkOne Centers, administers the unemployment insurance system, provides labor market information, assists employers with preparing workers for layoffs and closures and operates a statewide job placement service.

As a result of legislation passed by the Indiana General Assembly in February, 2005, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) replaced the Department of Commerce as the premier entity charged with state economic development. IEDC has a 12-member board chaired by Gov. Mitch Daniels.